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THERE'S A PERSON I WANT TO EXPRESS MY FEELINGS TO.

#6 IT'S WRONG

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I GUESS YOU DO DESERVE TO KNOW.

BUT...

OF COURSE I DO.

IT WAS ALMOST NATURAL THAT WE'D END UP IN THE SAME HIGH SCHOOL.

ENGIKU... IN THE SAME COLLEGE AND JOIN THE SAME CLUB.

MOE AND I HAVE KNOWN EACH OTHER SINCE MIDDLE SCHOOL.

WE'VE BEEN LINKED TO EACH OTHER FROM THE GET-GO. I MEAN, WE'RE NOT A ONE IN A MILLION, IT'S REALLY MILD.

THINGS WOULD ALWAYS BE THAT WAY!

BUT...

THEN WHY WOULD SUCH A CLOSE FRIEND FLUSH YOU OFF THE ROOF?

DID YOU DO SOMETHING THAT REALLY MEAN TO HER?

ABOUT HALF A YEAR AGO.

SHE TOLD ME SHE'D GOTTEN HERSELF A BOYFRIEND.

HE WAS THE CLUB CAPTAIN.

I DIDN'T DO IT.

I WAS REALLY GLAD ABOUT IT, WISHED HER ALL THE HAPPINESS IN THE WORLD.

HE WAS A REALLY NICE GUY,

AND A GOOD CHANGE FROM THE WEIRDOS SHE ALWAYS ATTRACTED.

YOU DID SOMETHING LIKE THIS?!

T-THAT'S A LIE!!

FOUR DAYS AGO,

THE CAPTAIN PHONED ME.

HE WANTED TO TALK ABOUT MIDORI AND ASKED IF I COULD GO OVER TO HIS PLACE.

THEN WHY DID YOU HIT ON YOUR BEST FRIEND'S BOYFRIEND?!

CLAIMING THAT HE LOVED HER AND WOULDN'T DREAM OF BREAKING UP WITH HER...

HE KEPT COMPLAINING ABOUT HER.

AND WAS SO INTO IT, HE BEGAN TO CRY.

HE FORCED HIMSELF ON ME, INSISTING THAT WE STAY TOGETHER. SO FOR ONE NIGHT...

IN THE END,

AND THE CAPTAIN HANDLED EVERYTHING AS HE WILLED.

SO I WAS GOING TO KEEP IT A SECRET FOREVER...

WELL THE TWO OF THEM JUST STARTED DATING.

SHE HAD HER BAD HABITS.

AND

AND PRETEND EVERYTHING WAS LIKE IT SHOULD BE...

AND THAT'S WHEN YOU...

I HIT HIM AND LEFT!

I'D DO NOTHING OF THE SORT!

ALL MY CLUB FRIENDS BEGAN GIVING ME THE COLD SHOULDER.

BUT THE FOLLOWING DAY, THINGS STARTED TO CHANGE FOR THE WORSE.

WHEN I DIDN'T DO ANYTHING TO DESERVE IT.

IT WAS A COLD, UNWELCOMING ATMOSPHERE...

BUT THEN I GOT SOMEONE TO TELL ME.

AT FIRST, I DIDN'T KNOW WHY.

THE CAPTAIN ASKED A FIRST-YEARS FOR SOME ADVICE.

HE TOLD ME THAT HE WAS GOING UP TO BREAK UP WITH MOE.

AND BEGGED ME TO GO OUT WITH HIM...

I GUESS
THE NAIL WAS
RUSTY.

WHAT'S
THE

BUT IT
DOESN'T
HURT...

THE
BLEEDING
STOPPED.

...!

...!!

EH...

SO YOU CAME HERE TO TELL ME EXACTLY WHAT IT WAS THAT HAPPENED.

I SEE...

SHE DOESN'T SEEM TO BE LYING.

HOW LONG ARE YOU GOING TO KEEP LYING?!

CUT IT OUT ALREADY!

NOPE.

I GOT SO PANICKED THAT I WANTED TO HIT HER, SO HERE I AM.

SOME-BODY'S HERE! SHINSAKO?!

OH...

OK THEN, I THINK I'LL...

IT'S RIGHT THERE.

GNT

CAP-
TAIN...

SO THIS
IS THE
SQUIRMING
CAPTAIN.

UM...

WAY LOW YOU HIGH?!
IF YOU WANT
TO BUILD A
BETTER
RELATION
THE CLUB,
EVERYONE
HERE WILL
BE UP TO YOU
TO GIVE YOU
BACK.

SANA-
DA...

WELL, HE DOES SEEM THE TYPE TO INTELLECTUALIZE HIS WORDS.

NICELY PUT, COMING FROM THE ONE WHO STARTED THE MESS IN THE FIRST PLACE.

HEY NOW, WHY THE LONG FACES?

ISHMARU'S OUR FRIEND, ISN'T SHE?

RYET, HEY GUYS! WHY DON'T YOU...

I LOST SOMETHING SOMEWHERE, SO I HAVE TO GO GET IT.

LET'S GO ISHBOKI-KUN!

HE'S JUST A FRIEND.

NO ONE.

HA?

HEY!

I'M HER

BOY-FRIEND?

I HEARD THAT THE CAPTAIN OF THE TENNIS CLUB WAS SPREADING RUMORS ABOUT BEING MY GIRLFRIEND HERE.

SO I CAME TO CHECK HIM OUT IN PERSON.

BOY-FRIEND.

WHAT ARE YOU...

THEN ICHIRO...?

CRAP, I SCREWED UP BIG TIME! ...YOU!

I DON'T UNDERSTAND WHAT SHE'S BEEN TELLING YOU, BUT THEY'RE CHASING ME BECAUSE OF THAT...

I DON'T UNDERSTAND THAT EITHER, AND SOME ANI THING LIKE THAT...

AND SHE ISN'T THAT GIRL! WHAT DO YOU HAVE TO SAY TO THAT?!

YOU WERE BRINGING SOME GIRL ALL OVER TOWN NOT SO LONG AGO!

WHAT ARE YOU TALKING ABOUT?

NO, IT'S DEFINITELY YOU! I REMEMBER THE MOLE.

HUHHH?!

D-OW, THAT'S NOT IT... I WAS JUST DOING SOME SHOPPING WITH MY SISTER...

IS IT'S
THAT JUST TO
HIDE THE FACT
THAT HE WAS
CHEATING ON
HER WITH
YOU?

WHAT IF
THE MIC HAD
BEEN THE
REAL
REASON?

UM...

IT'S
FOR THE
CAPTAIN.
HE'S BEING
KICKED
OUT OF
THE
STATION
YESTER-
DAY.

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THEN, HE
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NIGHT!

WHY
ARE YOU
SPEAKING
ALL THIS IN
PAST
TENSE?!

NOW
EVERYONE'S
TRUE
COLORS!

GO FINISH
HER WITH A
SOCK TO
THE FACE?!
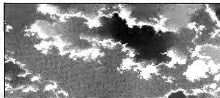
I'VE HAD ENOUGH.

LET'S JUST GO.

WHY'D YOU COME HERE TO HIT HIM?

YUIKI-CHAN...

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YOU MEAN THE BOYFRIEND THING?

AH, NO, I'M NOT WITH KISE.

IT'S CONVO-LUTED.

WHEN YOU CONFESS TO SOMEONE, THEY'LL FULL-BLAST HIT YOUR TRAP.

OH, THAT?

THE WHOLE SCENE SEEMS KINDA STORY.

I WASN'T TALKING ABOUT THAT.

...AS IF I'D TOTALLY HIT HIM.

I DO FEEL A LITTLE BIT BAD, THOUGH.

PERY-CHAAAN!

EVERYONE KNOWS WE DIDN'T DO IT TO BLAME, AND THEY MUST BE SO SICK!

IT'S FINE.

THE CAFE IS ALSO SAID THAT IT'S GOING TO QUIT.

I'M SORRY.

BUT THIS TIME I WON'T BE COMING BACK.

BUT THIS IS A LONG DAY...

I'M SORRY.

O-OF COURSE, I LOOKED AROUND.

THINGS ARE STILL LOOKING PRETTY BAD, DON'T THEY...

THEN, CAN WE STILL BE FRIENDS?

YOU KNEW
ALL ALONG.

THAT HE
WAS THAT
KIND OF
PERSON,
DIDN'T
YOU?

H-HEY!
DON'T YOU
THINK YOU'RE
GOING TOO
FAR!

EVEN AFTER
ALL THIS, YOU
WILL MUM
ON LYING!?

I DIDN'T!

H-NO, I DIDN'T!

I HEARD YOU!

WHEN I TELL...

YOU SAID...

THE MOMENT YOU SAID THAT, I KNEW...

TO YOU, I WAS NOTHING MORE THAN A TOY.

BUT YOU'RE THE ONLY THING THAT MATTERS TO ME, YUUKI-CHAN!!

I'M SORRY! I WAS REALLY MESSED UP HEARING WHAT YOU SAID. I JUST SNAPPED!

SO PLEASE, LET'S

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EVERYTHING WILL BE BACK TO NORMAL TOMORROW, RIGHT?

WE'RE STILL FRIENDS THOUGH, RIGHT?

YEAH, I GUESS.

THIS WAY, THE CLUB WILL THINK BETTER OF NEAL AT LEAST.

I CAN
SYMPATHIZE
WITH HER.

I FELT REALLY
BAD FOR HER.

...

...

WELL.

THERE ARE
EXCEPTIONS,
THOUGH.

I KNOW THAT WHATEVER I SAY WON'T CHEER HER UP RIGHT NOW AND WILL JUST SOUND LIKE A LIE.

OH!

BUT...

YEAH, YEAH...

SO...

THAT IT'S REALLY EASY FOR HER TO ACT LIKE A GIRL WHO'S DEPRESSED!

I JUST... YOU KNOW...

EVERY TIME THEY OVERCOME AN ORDEAL THEY DRAW CLOSER TO THEIR TIME LIMIT, AND HOW WILL THIS END FOR THEM?

FOR NOW JUST LET HER FEEL...

WHICH IS WHY I'M THINKING ABOUT IT.

YOU DON'T?

THAT WHAT SHE DID WAS NECESSARY FOR THE BEST.

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